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RE: Special Construction Service Delivery Deadline FCC Form 471# 181028314 FRN 1899053478

Dear Ms. Ayer,

I write to express my support for Huntington School District's request for an extension of their Special Construction Service Delivery Deadline. It is my understanding that USAC's reimbursement for the fiber build to this remote, rural Oregon school district is contingent on fully completing the project by June 30th, 2020. I am told that due to longer than expected permitting timelines with the Bureau of Land Management and other agencies, along with unique construction requirements involving new poles and underground construction, completion of this critical project will not be possible without an extension.

Broadband service continues to be much-needed in parts of my rural district. This USAC Special Fiber Construction Project presents an incredible opportunity for a small, rural Oregon school district with 94 students to secure affordable high-speed broadband service. With USAC's grant of the requested extension, Huntington's students will have the opportunity to fully participate in the digital age, and receive every educational opportunity offered by broadband access. These opportunities are long overdue in my rural district.

I ask you to give Huntington School District's request your full and fair consideration. If you have any questions, please contact Riley Bushue on my staff at 202-225-6730.

Best regards,

Greg Walden

Member of Congress